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To conclude each Service.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us ; And deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. *Amen.*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*





Sunday Morning.

Let us pray.

[Introductory Prayer.]

LORD our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who keepest covenant and promise for those that love Thee with their whole heart, who art the life of all, the help of those that flee unto Thee, the hope of those who cry unto Thee; cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to Thy goodness; cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clean soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Confession.]

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who

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wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved ; mercifully forgive us our trespasses ; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy ; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed ; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, but so turn Thine anger from us who meekly acknowledge our vileness and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Pardon.]

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee ; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Absolution.]

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences ; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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[A Sabbath's Profit.]

O GOD, who givest us not only the day for labour and the night for rest, but also the peace of this blessed day; grant, we beseech Thee, that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which Thou hast given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Sabbath Blessing.]

O GOD, the fountain of blessings and the bestower of affections, who sendest peace to those who receive it, open unto us this day the sea of Thy love, and water us with plenteous streams from the riches of Thy grace. Make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace. Kindle in us the fire of Thy love; sow in us Thy fear; strengthen our weakness by Thy power; bind us closely to Thee and to each other in one firm and indissoluble bond of unity, in and by Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[For Spiritual Quickening.]

O LORD God, the inspirer and enlightener of all the prophets, do Thou Thyself speak to us this day. Thy ministers can pronounce the words, but cannot impart the spirit; they may arrest the attention or convince the intellect with force of language, but if Thou art silent

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they do not inflame the heart. They administer the letter, but Thou openest the sense ; they utter the mystery, but Thou revealest its meaning ; they publish Thy laws, but Thou conferrest the power of obedience ; they point out the way to life, but Thou bestowest strength to walk in it ; they water, but Thou givest the increase ; their voice soundeth in the ear, but it is Thou that givest understanding to the heart. Therefore, do Thou, O Lord our God, speak to our souls, lest, being outwardly warned but not inwardly quickened, we die and be found unfruitful ; lest the Word, heard and not obeyed, known and not loved, professed and not kept, do turn to our condemnation. Speak, therefore, good Lord, speak to Thy servants, to the comfort of our souls, to the renovation of our nature, and to the eternal praise and glory of Thy holy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[To render acceptable Services.]

O LORD, the great and mighty God, who art the giver of life and strength, of grace and goodness, without whom we can do nothing, we humbly pray that Thou wilt be graciously present with us this day, to direct, quicken, and further us in all the ways and duties of Thy holy service. Show the power of Thy heavenly grace in working mightily within us, so sancti-

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fyng our minds that we may offer unto Thee faithful and acceptable service, and enjoy that heavenly communion with Thee which is the only rest of our souls. Let us not approach Thee in formality and hypocrisy, nor serve Thee of constraint, but with all readiness and gladness, love and delight, making Thy pleasure to be ours, and Thy Sabbath and service the joy and solace of our souls. Send Thy grace upon us, that we, not doing our own works, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words, may rest from all sinful ways and from all common labours, and so delight ourselves in Thee. Mayest Thou give us the desires of our hearts; that we, hallowing Thy Sabbath upon earth, may finally be admitted to the joyful celebration of Thy eternal Sabbath in the kingdom of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

[For the Clergy.]

O ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedest him earnestly to feed Thy flock; make, we beseech Thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach Thy holy word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive

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the crown of everlasting glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For the Local Ministers.]

ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy divine providence hast appointed ministers in Thy Church, mercifully behold Thy servants whom Thou hast called to minister unto us ; replenish *them* so with the truth of Thy doctrine, and adorn *them* with innocency of life, that both by word and good example *they* may faithfully serve Thee, to the glory of Thy name and the edification of Thy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For all Ministers.]

MOST merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon Thy servants, the ministers and pastors of Thy flock, Thy heavenly blessing, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Thy most holy word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation ; that in all our words and deeds we may seek Thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[*For Christian Unity.*]

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord, that, as there is but one body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*For the Children.*]

O GOD of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless these Thy children, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts; that whatsoever in Thy holy word they shall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfil the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them, that they, obeying Thy will, and always being in safety under Thy protection, may abide in Thy love unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[*Introductory Prayer.*]

E beseech Thee, O Lord, to look upon Thy servants, whom Thou hast enabled to put their trust in Thee ; and grant them both to ask such things as shall please Thee, and also obtain what they ask ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*For Pardon and Cleansing.*]

O LORD our God, whose power is infinite, whose goodness is unspeakable, despise not Thy servants who beg for pardon, and to be reconciled unto Thee. Sanctify, O God, our bodies and souls, search out our spirits, and cast out all iniquity from within us ; all false reasonings and impure desires, all pride and envy, all hypocrisy and deceit, all inordinate love of this world, and base covetousness ; all hardness of heart, peevishness and anger, all unkindness and selfishness, all malice and revenge, and every motion of soul and body which can withdraw us from Thee, and is

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against Thy will and commandment. Gracious Father, give us pardon for what is past, and repentance from all our sinful habits, that for the time to come we may with pure minds, with humble hearts, with sanctified lips serve Thee religiously, walk with Thee, converse justly and charitably with men, and possess our souls in patience and holiness, our bodies in sanctification and honour ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Pardon and Peace.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Thanksgiving.

O ALMIGHTY Father, the fountain of all goodness, we give Thee hearty thanks for the returning light, and our daily bread ; for home, and health, and friends ; for the instruction of Thy truth, and the opportunities of Thy service which yesterday we enjoyed ; for all that renders this world a pleasant home, and fits us for the life to come. Teach us, O Father, this day to imitate Thy boundless beneficence, quicken our generosity, awaken our sympathies, give us to live not unto ourselves, but to follow

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the footsteps of our Blessed Master, and go about doing good; giving to others of that which we have received of Thee. Let not ours be a vain profession, but let our words and works this day show that we are indeed the children of God. This we pray Thee for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Preservance from all Adversity.]

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For the Day's Work.]

WE humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, to give us grace to fulfil our several duties to Thy glory. Let those who hold rule in this house, do so as knowing they have a Master in heaven with whom is no respect of persons; and let those who serve, labour not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but with good will doing service as unto the Lord, and not unto men, knowing that of the Lord they

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shall receive the reward of the inheritance ;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[The Godly Life of Christians.]

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[Help and Success in the Day's Walk.]

O LORD God, our Heavenly Father, who hast commanded us to labour in order that we may gain our daily bread, we beseech Thee so to prosper our work this day, that Thy favour may be a witness unto us of Thy bounty and loving-kindness, and that we may know thereby the Fatherly care Thou hast over us. So guide and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit that we may be true and just in all our dealings ; that we may labour not as men-pleasers, but as those who know they have a Master in heaven ; that we may be active and diligent, careful and industrious ; that this day, and every day, we may render to Thee the service of our daily work ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Purity.]

POUR out, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the Spirit of grace upon this Thy family, and cast out from them whatever evil they have incurred by the fraud of the devil, or by earthly corruption; that, being cleansed within and without, they may ever render unto Thee a pure worship, and may the more readily obtain what they fitly and reasonably ask; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Intercession for Others.]

MOST merciful God, who art the Father of all mankind, we would commend to Thy care our relatives and friends, who are near and dear unto us; preserve them by Thy good providence, guide them by Thy counsel, sanctify them by Thy Holy Spirit, and lead them along the way everlasting, that finally we may be gathered, by Thy mercy, an unbroken circle about Thy throne. In mercy remember the poor and needy, the widows and fatherless, the stranger and friendless, the oppressed and afflicted, the aged and sickly, the young and tempted, the weak of heart and the weak of body, them that languish, and them that are dying. Relieve their necessities, comfort their sorrows, sanctify their calamities, strengthen their weaknesses, and in Thine own good time

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deliver them from their bondage into the glorious liberty of Thy sons ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For the Queen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we are taught by Thy holy word, that the hearts of kings are in Thy rule and governance, and that Thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to Thy godly wisdom : we humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the heart of Victoria Thy servant, our Queen and governour, that, in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and study to preserve Thy people committed to her charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness : grant this, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Scholars.

O LORD, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, and to Thy glory ; give Thy blessing, we pray Thee, to our daily work, that we may do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men. All our powers of body and mind are Thine, and we would fain devote them to Thy service : sanctify them, and the work in which they are engaged. Let us not be slothful, but fervent in spirit ; and do Thou, O Lord, so

bless our efforts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of true wisdom. Strengthen our minds and dispose us to use them ; but let us always remember to use them to Thy glory and for the furtherance of Thy kingdom, and save us from all pride and vanity, and reliance on our own power and wisdom. Teach us to seek after truth, and enable us to gain it ; but grant that whilst we know earthly things we may also know Thee, and be known by Thee, through and in Thy Son Jesus Christ. Give us this day Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be Thine in body and spirit ; in all our work and in all our enjoyments ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

[Benediction.]

GOD Himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our ways ; and the Lord make us to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men ; to the end He may stablish our hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. *Amen.*

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LORD our God, who alone foreseest and bestowest things needful for our salvation ; do Thou bestow, we pray Thee, on our souls the hearty desire of imploring Thy mercy, and graciously vouchsafe us what will be for our good ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Thanksgiving.*]

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we Thine unworthy servants bless and thank Thee for Thy gracious protection during the past night, and for the renewed gift of life this morning. We gratefully acknowledge Thy bounty in our temporal provision, the comfort of friends and home, the security and tranquillity which we enjoy in this land. We confess, O Lord, that we are unworthy of the least of these Thy mercies ; and we beseech Thee to give us grace that we may show our unfeigned gratitude by willing service, doing in this day's life all such

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things as are well pleasing in Thy sight ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For God's Help.

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us ; that whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us ; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

[For a Right Spirit.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For God's Governance.

O ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments, that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be pre-

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served in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[*Intercession.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting Father, we supplicate Thee in behalf of all our relations and friends. Let Thy Fatherly hand ever be over them, let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy word that in the end they may obtain everlasting life. Have mercy upon this household. Bless Thy holy Church throughout the world. Convert all blind and hardened sinners; bring back all who are in heresy or schism; enlighten the ignorant; raise up the fallen, comfort the sorrowful, and succour all who are tempted or afflicted in mind, body, or estate. Pity, O Lord, and have mercy upon all men, for Jesus Christ's sake, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

[*Escape from Sin.*

GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

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[From Temptation.]

O LORD, our support and our refuge, deliver us from temptation, give us the defence of Thy salvation, hold us up with Thy right hand, teach us by Thy discipline, and make our way and our life undefiled ; for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Help for the Day's Work.]

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help ; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Christian Walk.]

O LORD, we beseech Thee, visit us this day with Thy loving-kindness. Give us grace to discharge faithfully our duties to Thee and to each other. Make us kind and courteous unto all men, honest in our dealings, zealous in our duties, truthful in our words, guileless in our thoughts. Strengthen us to bear with patience whatever trials or sufferings may be in store for us. Preserve us from the sins which do most easily beset us, and enable us this day, and every day, to walk worthy of our Christian calling ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[For Right Living.]

ALMIGHTY God, our merciful Saviour, in whom all the families of the earth are blessed, hear us when we pray for all in this household, that in our several stations we may all show forth Thy glory, and the honour of Thy holy name. May those in authority bear rule with firmness, long-suffering, and love. [*Schools* : May *boys* study and obey with readiness and diligence ;] may servants labour with singleness of heart, activity, and faithfulness ; that we may all fulfil the duties of a Christian family, growing in grace daily, and daily drawing nearer to the happiness of heaven ; and this we beg for Thy name's sake. *Amen.*

[For the Children.]

DEFEND, O Lord, these Thy children with Thy heavenly grace, that they may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto Thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

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O God the Father, of heaven, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take Thou

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vengeance of our sins. Spare us, good Lord ; spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief ; from sin ; from the crafts and assaults of the devil ; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart ; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[*For Schools.*

From impatience and ill-temper, from idleness and wastefulness, from over indulgence, and all selfishness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From inaccuracy and carelessness, from falsehood and deceit, from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.]

In all times of tribulation, in all times of temptation, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to give

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us an heart to love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

[*For Schools.*

That it may please Thee to illuminate all teachers with true knowledge and understanding, and that they may both by their life and conversation set it forth, and shew it accordingly,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.}

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand, to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise them up that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all sick persons, and young children; and to shew Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to defend and pro-

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vide for the fatherless children and widows, and
all that are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true
repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences,
and ignorances, and to endue us with the
grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives
according to Thy holy word,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed
be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy
will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our
trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass
against us ; And deliver us from the evil one.
For Thine is the kingdom, The power and the
glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

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E beseech Thee, O Lord, vouchsafe us an unceasing perseverance in praying unto Thee ; that as Thou dost not forsake us when we are bowed down in tribulation, so Thou mayest cherish us with more abundant grace when we continually beseech Thy majesty ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*To Pray Aright.*]

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants, and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Godly Living.*]

O HEAVENLY Father, who watchest over Thy children, and mightily defendest them, we thank Thee that it hath pleased Thy Fatherly goodness to take care of us during the past night, and to give us needful sleep, to the refreshment of our bodies. We beseech Thee to show

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the same goodness to us this day, so preserving and ruling over us that we may neither think, nor speak, nor do anything displeasing to Thee or hurtful to our neighbours, but that all our doings may be agreeable to Thy most blessed will, and may advance Thy glory. And grant, O most merciful Father, that our light may so shine before men, that they, seeing our good works, may glorify Thee, our Father which art in heaven. Hear this our petition for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[For God's Defence.]

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day ; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

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Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ, graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us.
As we do put our trust in Thee.

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and for the glory of Thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved ; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory ; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[The Day's Service.]

MOST holy and eternal God, this day would we dedicate to Thine honour. We are not worthy to be called Thy servants, for we have sinned oft and again against Thee ; and yet with Thee there is forgiveness. Blot our guilt from Thy remembrance ; for our Saviour's sake pardon all our sins. Give us holy purposes of amendment, and determination to overcome wrong inclinations. Teach us to watch our ways, that we may not be surprised by temp-

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tation. Set a watch, O Lord, at the door of our lips, that we offend not with our tongues. Let all our passions and affections be brought under the dominion of grace. Make us such as Thou wouldst have us to be. Strengthen our faith, confirm our hope, increase our love, that this day and every day, according to all our opportunities and capacities, we may serve Thee faithfully, performing all our duties with zeal and piety, to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Forgiveness.]

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[To withstand Temptation.]

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[For Purity.]

O HOLY Jesus, who wast born of a pure Virgin, and hast said of the pure in heart that they shall see God ; let Thy blessed Spirit descend, we beseech Thee, upon us, and preserve us in purity and holiness, that our bodies may be holy temples, and our souls sanctuaries fit for Thee to dwell in. Pardon all our past impurities, whether in thought, word, or deed. Kindle the holy fire of Thy love in our hearts, that we may no more grieve Thy blessed Spirit by any works of darkness, but after a chaste and religious life here, we may be presented to God washed and cleansed in Thy blood, and reign with Thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

[For a Rising Life.]

O MOST merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, in whom whosoever believeth shall live though he die ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally ; we meekly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that when we shall depart this life we may rest in Him, and that at the general resurrection in the last day we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed

children of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

[Intercession for all Men.]

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church, that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake. *Amen.*

[For Love.]

O BLESSED Lord and Saviour, who hast commanded us to love one another, the greatness of Thy benefit surpasseth all return,

save that from our heart we obey Thy commandments. Grant us grace, that having received Thine undeserved bounty, we may love every man in Thee, and for Thee. We implore Thy clemency for all, but especially for the friends Thy love has given to us. Love Thou them, O thou Fountain of Love, and make them to love Thee with all their heart, and with all their mind, and with all their soul, that those things only which are pleasing to Thee they may will, and speak, and do. And this we beg for Thy name's sake. *Amen.*

[Instant in Season.]

ETERNAL God, who committest to us the solemn trust of life, since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving Thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of Thy holy will, not waiting for to-morrow but yielding to-day. Lay to rest, by the persuasion of Thy Spirit, the resistance of our passion or fear. Consecrate with Thy presence the way our feet may go, and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity, by a simple and steadfast reliance on Thy sure will, and so may we be modest in our time of wealth, patient under disappointment, ready for danger, resigned in trouble, serene in death. In all

things draw us to the mind of Christ; that Thy lost image may be traced again, and Thou mayest own us at one with Him and Thee. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

[For Unselfishness.]

O LORD, our Saviour, who hast given us a law that we should love one another as Thou hast loved us, and should do unto others as we would they should do unto us ; help us this day and ever to keep this Thy holy commandment. Preserve us from selfishness ; fill us with true charity and goodwill towards all men. Help us to be always ready to deny ourselves, and to do with a willing mind even things painful and wearisome, when by so doing we may please our neighbour for his good. Save us from the sin of thinking evil, of rash and unkind judgment of others. Make us to rejoice with them that do rejoice, and to weep with them that weep ; and grant that day by day we may grow up into Thy likeness, who didst care even for Thine enemies and murderers, and didst give up Thy life a ransom to save them. Lord, hear us, for Thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

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[*Introductory Prayer.*]

ET the prayers of Thy suppliants, O Lord, come up to the ears of Thy mercy ; and that we may obtain what we ask, make us ever to ask what pleases Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Morning Thanksgiving.*]

WE render unto Thee, O heavenly Father, our hearty thanks, by Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, that Thou hast vouchsafed to preserve us from all evil, and to give us rest and sleep. We beseech Thee that as Thou hast raised up our bodies from sleep, so Thou wouldest deliver our souls from the sleep of sin and the darkness of this world ; that we, walking in the light of Thy blessed Word, may do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Confession.*]

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men ; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings ; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father ; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*For Forgiveness.*]

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve ; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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[For the Fear of God.]

O GOD, who by the prophet's voice dost pronounce those blessed who fear Thee, grant us to render an acceptable obedience in Thy fear, and make us henceforth to walk in Thy ways, and let our work this day under Thy direction be pleasing in Thy sight, and its fruit be sweet in the day of reward ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Necessities.]

O HEAVENLY Father, who hast commanded us by Thy dear Son to pray unto Thee for things necessary for this life, we come unto Thy divine Majesty not doubting Thy Fatherly provision, but humbly beseeching Thee that, as Thou hast given us life, Thou wilt give us also food and clothing, and all other needful things ; that we, having sufficient for our living, may give ourselves with quiet minds to Thy service and honour ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For a Right Judgment.]

GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit ; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our

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Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

[The Spirit's Direction.]

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee ; mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[A Morning Prayer.]

LOOK mercifully, O Lord, on the morning prayers of Thy suppliants, and enlighten with Thy healing goodness the secrets of our hearts, that no dark desires may have possession of us whom the light of heavenly grace has renewed ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For the Day's Work.]

O ALMIGHTY Father, who hast granted us the opportunity of offering to Thee the service of our daily work, we beseech Thee grant us Thy help, that we may this day do our work as unto Thee. Forbid it, Lord, that any of us should render eye-service as men-pleasers, but may we do our work honestly and thoroughly, remembering Thine eye is upon us, and that to Thee we shall render the account. Preserve us from idleness and wastefulness ; whatever

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our hands find to do, may we do it with our might. Give us Thy grace, that we may rejoice in the work of our hands; and with patience and contentment, with activity and cheerfulness, may we serve Thee all day long, so that finally we may receive Thy benediction, Well done, good and faithful servant; and this we beg through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Intercession for the Saving of Others.]

O LORD, enable us, we pray Thee, ever to do Thy will in all things. May we, poor and weak as we are, receive grace to carry on Thy work on earth. Bring many, O Lord, to Thy true fold who are now wandering in carelessness and sin; enable us to pray for them always, and to help them to the utmost of our power. May we finish, too, Thy work in our own hearts, and do Thou send Thy Holy Spirit to dwell in us and purify us, making us Thy loving and obedient servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For those in Authority.]

WE present our prayers before Thee, O heavenly Father, in behalf of our Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria, and all who are placed in authority under her, that Thou wouldest be pleased to pour down upon them Thy Holy

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Spirit, so that knowing Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to be King of Kings and Lord of Lords, they may in their various offices have an eye to His worship, and the extension of His kingdom ; and that we, enjoying peace, may serve Thee in all holiness and purity, and celebrate Thy praise all the days of our life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*For Charity.*

MOST gracious Giver of all goodness, fill our hearts, we pray Thee, with brotherly love and charity to all mankind ; enable us in every circumstance of life to do to others as we wish them to do to us ; make us to remember that no man liveth unto himself, but have ever present to our minds the words of the Lord Jesus, It is more blessed to give than to receive. As His disciples, make us full of mercy, kindness, compassion, longsuffering, forbearance, patience, and forgiveness. May we forgive every offence committed against us, as we hope Thou wilt forgive those sins which we have committed against Thee. May we embrace every opportunity of doing good ; may we keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of love and peace ; and may the God of all good be ever with us, and fill us with joy and peace in believing ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[For Schools.]

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst pray for Thy disciples, not that they should be taken out of the world, but that they should be kept from the evil; we beseech Thee to defend us in the snares which surround us in this school, the world of our youth, and keep us safe from the temptations of evil example, evil companions, and, above all, the evil of our own heart. Hear us, O Lord Christ, who didst die for us once, and livest for us for ever. *Amen.*

[For a Blessing upon the Day's Work.]

O GOD, who hast commanded that no man should be idle, look graciously upon us Thy servants now going forth to do our duty in that state of life unto which Thou hast been pleased to call us. Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; to follow the motions of Thy good Spirit; to be serious and holy in our lives, true and just in our dealings, watchful over our thoughts, words, and actions, diligent in our business, and temperate in all things. Give us grace that we may honestly improve all the talents Thou hast committed to our trust, and that no worldly business, no worldly pleasures, may ever divert us from the thoughts of the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[*Confession.*]

EAR our prayer, O Lord, and listen to our confession, for we acknowledge our iniquities, and lay open our sins before Thee. Against Thee, O God, have we sinned; to Thee we make our confession, and implore forgiveness. Turn Thy face again, O Lord, upon Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thine own blood. Spare us, we pray Thee, and vouchsafe pardon to our sins, and be pleased to extend to us Thy loving-kindness and Thy mercy, for Thy name's sake. *Amen.*

[*Godly Living.*]

O MERCIFUL Lord, of whose continued goodness it is that we have been preserved through the night, and have been refreshed with peaceful rest, as our bounden duty we would present unto Thee our bodies as a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice to Thee our Preserver. We beseech Thee to accept the offering of ourselves, and make us worthy,

through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Keep us all day long in Thy holy keeping ; set a watch at the door of our lips ; may no untrue word, no angry word, no unkind word, escape them to-day. Give us a right judgment in all things. Purify our motives ; make us strictly just and upright in all our actions ; enable us to serve our employers honestly, actively, and loyally. We commend all our concerns to Thy direction ; undertake Thou for us ; and so be with our going out and our coming in, that we may live as Thy servants should live, soberly, righteously, and godly ; to the honour and praise of thy holy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Thanksgiving.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives ;

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by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

[A Morning Prayer.]

O GOD, who dividest the day from the night, separate our deeds from the gloom of darkness, that ever meditating on things holy, we may continually live in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[God's Protection.]

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

[For the Spirit's Grace.]

O HOLY Spirit, who proceedest from the Father and the Son, and who with Them art the One Eternal God; O Holy Spirit, who by Thy holy inspiration purifiest the minds of men, comforting them in sorrow, leading them

into all truth, kindling in them the fires of love, uniting them together in the bonds of peace; we beseech Thee to increase Thy mercy to us more and more; that all things belonging to the flesh may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us, that in this day's life we may be intent on bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit in holiness and righteousness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Love to God.]

LORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Increase of Faith.]

INCREASE in us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the gift of faith, that we be daily more and more assured that our sins are blotted out and covered by the full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice of Thy dear Son; and that, loving Thee with our whole hearts for this Thy unspeakable goodness, we may forgive our brethren whensoever they offend against us, may pray for them, love and comfort them, even as Thou for Christ's sake hast shown mercy upon us; this we pray for Thy name's sake. *Amen.*

[Preservation.]

O MERCIFUL Lord and Heavenly Father, who knowest that here we have no rest, but are continually vexed in our souls by the lust of the flesh and the assaults of the world and the devil ; let us not be overcome of our enemies, but preserve us evermore, and mightily succour us in the time of temptation. And forasmuch as it is Thy good pleasure that our souls and bodies shall remain here together during the time of this mortal life, preserve our souls from all sin and our bodies from sickness, that we, through Thy benefit, enjoying the health both of body and soul, may be able to serve Thee and do good unto all men, according to Thy holy will ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Godly Life.]

O RIGHTEOUS Father, keep us, we beseech Thee, this day from sin, give us the rule over our own spirits, and keep us from speaking unadvisedly with our lips. May we live together in peace and holy love, and do Thou command Thy blessing to rest upon us all. Make us conscientious in all our dealings, always watchful against sin. Prepare us for all the events of the day : whatever the day may bring forth, may we accept as coming from Thy Fatherly hand. And, O Thou, who teachest us to profit, grant that we may secure all the

benefit Thy providences are intended to bestow. May we see the good works Thou hast prepared for us, and give us grace to do them : ever denying ourselves, may we follow our Master, and go about this day doing good. Grant us strength for all the duties of the day, that we may do all things after a godly sort, acknowledging Thee in all our ways ; and be Thou pleased to direct all our steps. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

[For the Clergy.]

O MERCIFUL Saviour, who Thyself art the Chief Shepherd, send down upon the ministers of Thy word Thy Holy Spirit, that they may rightly divide the Word of Truth, and faithfully feed the flocks over which Thou hast made them the overseers. May they give attention to reading, to doctrine, to exhortation, showing themselves workmen who need not be ashamed. And so lead them into all truth that they may be examples to their flocks, going before them unto life everlasting. Grant this our prayer, for Thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

[For the Estates of the Realm.]

DEFEND, O Lord, we beseech Thee, our Church from all heresy and schism ; bless all Bishops, priests, and deacons with apostolic

graces, exemplary lives, and sound doctrine. Preserve our Sovereign Lady the Queen ; defend her from all her enemies, grant her a long and happy reign, endue her with all gifts and graces, and make her a great promoter of Thy glory. Grant to her children, and her court, that they may set the people an example of sobriety, temperance, and godliness. Give to her counsellors wisdom from above, to all magistrates integrity and zeal for religion. To all the commons of the realm, pious and just, peaceable and loyal hearts ; and grant that the whole nation may be a people serving Thee in righteousness and godly fear. Hear these our supplications, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[*Schools.*

O LORD GOD, whose name is Love ; grant that we may so love Thee and one another, that we may fulfil all our duties with a glad heart, and not from fear of punishment ; make us to rejoice in mutual forbearance ; make *masters* to teach and (*boys or girls*) to learn as those whose work is no task, but a labour of love ; that so we may have the blessed reward of those who live in joy and peace as in Thy presence ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[Preparation for the Judgment.]

O LORD God, Father Almighty, purify the secrets of our hearts, and mercifully wash out all the stains of sin ; and grant, O Lord, that being cleansed from our crimes by the benediction of Thy tenderness, we may without any terror await the fearful and terrible coming of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Temperance.]

O ALMIGHTY God, who openest Thy hand and fillest all things with plenty, and hast provided for Thy servants sufficient to satisfy all our needs ; teach us to use Thy creatures soberly and temperately, that we may not, with meat or drink, make the temptations of our enemy to prevail upon us, or our spirits unapt for the performance of our duty, or our bodies unhealthy, or our affections sensual and unholy. O God, never suffer that the blessings which Thou givest us may either minister to sin or sickness, but to health, and holiness, and thanksgiving ; that in the strength of Thy provisions we may cheerfully, and actively, and diligently serve Thee here, and be accounted worthy, through Thy grace, to be admitted to the eternal supper of the Lamb hereafter. *Amen.*



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[*Confession.*]

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in mercy pardon all that Thy pure eyes have seen amiss this day. Forgive the iniquity of our holy things. How cold and heartless has been our service, with what little love have we offered our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. What a faint response have the appeals of Thy mercy awakened within us : with what little gratitude have we accepted Thy most gracious and generous promises. From this our hardness of heart, our contempt of Thy word and commandment, deliver us and forgive us ; and even unto us send Thy Holy Spirit, that our little faith may be strengthened, our little love increased, and that, kept by Thine Almighty protection through the night, we may rise to-morrow morning to show forth Thy praise by bringing forth in our daily life the fruits of the Spirit. Hear us, and have mercy upon us, even for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

[*For Fruit-bearing.*]

ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, we earnestly beseech Thee that the seed of Thy word which we have this day received may

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take root in our hearts, that no cares of this world nor lusts of other things may make it unfruitful, but that, like seed sown in good ground, it may bring forth fruit abundantly. Grant us Thy help, that we may with holy determination carry out the resolutions we have made, and that, living up to the convictions Thy Holy Spirit hath wrought in us, we may go from strength to strength until we all appear before Thee in Zion. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

[For Fruit-bearing.]

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Almighty God, that the words we have heard this day with our outward ears may by Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For God's Defence.]

O MERCIFUL Father, we commit our family to Thy care. Take us under Thy protection, defend us from the dangers of the night, from the prince of the power of darkness, from all pollutions of flesh and spirit, and keep us all in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[Confession, and for Spiritual Help.



MERCIFUL God, Thy mercy has continued our life when we are but unprofitable servants. We acknowledge the sins we have committed by thought, and word, and deed this day. We have done many things we ought not to have done, and we have left undone many things we ought to have done. Forgive us these our transgressions, for Christ's sake. Teach us to hate our sins ; help us with Thy Holy Spirit to struggle against them. Save us from being ashamed of Thee and of our duty ; save us from the fear of one another ; save us from idleness and thoughtlessness ; save us from falsehood and lying ; save us from quarrelling and ill-temper ; save us from unkindness and selfishness ; save us from ourselves and from our own evil hearts, that we may follow closely the blessed steps of His most holy life, who came to save us from our present sins as well as from the future consequences of our past transgressions. Hear us, O merciful Father, and give us this night to

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lie down at peace with Thee and at peace with each other, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

[Defence from Evil.]

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful ; Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us ; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought ; and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed ; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Forgiveness and Safety.]

O MOST gracious Lord and merciful Father, we Thine unworthy servants most humbly beseech Thee for Thy mercy and forgiveness of all the sins we have this day committed. Vouchsafe also of Thine abundant bounty, if it be Thy will, to refresh our bodies with rest, that we may the more readily, zealously and promptly, with all diligence, serve Thee on the morrow, so that our lives may please Thee, and through Thy assistance be so ordered and

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governed, that after this life ended we may attain unto the life everlasting ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Prospect of Death.]

O LORD, give us grace to bear in mind that coming time when we must pass from life to death, and enable us to feel how awful it would be then to be shut out from Thy presence, and from the joys which are promised us in heaven. We thank Thee, O Father, for all who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear, especially those whom we have known and loved upon earth. Restore us at last to their blessed company, that we may love them again in Christ, and for His sake, with an affection wholly free from earthly stain ; and this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

[For Sleep.]

O LORD our God, refresh us with quiet sleep when we are wearied with the day's labour, that being assisted with the help which our weakness needs, we may be devoted to Thee both in body and mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Thanksgiving and Commendatory.]

O LORD, we thank Thee for having preserved us safe from all the perils and dangers of this day ; that Thou hast given us

health and strength, food and clothing; and whilst there are so many who are poor, so many who are sick, so many who are in sorrow, that Thou hast given us so richly such manifold and great blessings. Give us thankful hearts for these Thy mercies; make us know that it is from Thy Fatherly hand these blessings come; and may this proof of Thy goodness draw us the closer unto Thee. We would now commend to Thy care all our relations and our friends. Keep us in safety during the night; give us, Thy beloved, sleep; and should we wake in the night, may our thoughts be filled with Thee. Keep our souls from impurity, our bodies from harm, and grant us to rise on the morrow ready for a closer walk with Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Benediction.*

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead the Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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[*Confession.*]



HOLY Spirit of God, who art the Author of all spiritual life, quicken us with Thy power, and preserve in us that life which is Thy gift. Forgive us the times we have grieved Thee this day. Had we always listened to Thy voice speaking by our conscience, we should not have sinned against the Lord. Be merciful unto us; give us true repentance, and establish in us a real determination to live according to Thy godly motions, and help us every waking hour to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that the habits of sin may die in us, and habits of holiness more and more increase. And now we beseech Thee, as the day ends, be unto us a Comforter from the Father. Take of the things of Christ and show them unto us, bringing to our remembrance the perfect pardon for our sins which is granted us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and the absolute safety of those who sleep in Jesus. Come, O Holy Spirit, and abide with us for ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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[*General Evening Prayer.*]

O LORD Jesus Christ, to whose unwearied goodness we owe all things that we enjoy ; who dost make the sun to shine alike on the evil and the good, that they may do their daily work ; and hast given the silence of night, that men may rest their weary limbs in peace : we pray Thee of Thy wonted mercy to forgive whatever we have done amiss in Thy sight this day ; and grant that to-night we may be blessed with Thy favour, pure through Thy keeping, and safe beneath Thy protection from the snares of the Devil, that so sleep may make us both in body and in soul more vigorous for Thy service on the morrow. And, furthermore, as we know not what a day may bring forth, nor when that night cometh wherein we shall sleep till we are roused by the last trumpet, we pray Thee to lighten the eyes of our soul, lest faith die, and we sleep in everlasting death ; but may we rather rest in Thee, to whom even the dead live. Hear us, O blessed Saviour, and have mercy upon us ever, world without end. *Amen.*

[*For a Quiet Night.*]

O LORD God, the Life of mortals, the Light of the faithful, the Strength of those that labour, and the Repose of the dead ; grant us a tranquil night, free from all disturbance, that after an interval of quiet sleep we may, by Thy bounty,

at the return of light be endued with activity by the Holy Spirit, and enabled in security to render thanks to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Pure Thoughts.]

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Intercession for Sinners.]

O RIGHTEOUS Father, who didst send Thine own Son, that sinners might be converted and live unto Thee; be pleased to restrain the enemy of our souls, who tempts those who err and stray from Thy ways to commit deeds of darkness during the night; lift up the fallen, arrest the wavering, shield the tempted. When the enemy rushes in like a flood, raise up against him Thy standard, O Spirit of purity, that they, by Thy aid, may resist the devil that he may flee. Have mercy upon all who are sinning this night; have mercy upon them, O Lord, and so fetch them home to Thy flock that they may be saved by the Good Shepherd, who left the ninety-and-nine, and came to seek and to save that which was lost. We pray this of Thy great mercy's sake. *Amen.*

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[*For God's Keeping.*]



BLESSED God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, take us into Thy gracious keeping for this night. Grant whilst we sleep Thy love may watch over us, that we may sleep in safety and in peace. O Lord, in whom we trust, help us by Thy grace so to live that we may never be afraid to enter the night of death, but that then as now our evening song may be, "I will lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou, Lord, makest me to dwell in safety." Let this our evening prayer rise unto Thee, and let Thy blessing descend upon us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

[*God's Protection.*]

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Thanksgiving.]

O LORD our God, we offer to Thee our humble thanks for the mercies of the past day. It is of Thy goodness that we have been preserved in life. It is Thy hand which has clothed us and fed us, Thy loving care which has kept us from harm ; and if we have resisted temptation it is by Thy Spirit's grace we have been withheld from sin. O Lord, wash out the transgressions of the past day. If Thou shouldst deal with us after our sins, or reward us according to our deservings, we could not stand in Thy presence, nor be justified in Thy sight. But we bless Thee for the grace and mercy which Thou hast laid up for us in the righteousness, sacrifice, and intercession of Him who is our advocate with Thee, and the propitiation of our sins. Continue Thy goodness to us this night : may we, as the beloved of the Lord, dwell in safety. Make us rest under Thy defence, O Thou Most High, and to abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Bless us with Thy presence, Thy grace, Thy protection. Suffer not the enemy to have any advantage over us, neither the son of wickedness approach to hurt us. Be with Thy people everywhere ; may those who are near and dear to us be near and dear to Thee, and whatever separation Thy good providence may ordain for us on earth, may we meet with joy at Thy

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right hand at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We beseech Thee to hear us, and grant us these and all other mercies, only for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

[A Supplication for the Distressed.]

O GOD, who art the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all conditions of men. Let Thy loving mercy rest upon us. Be a comforter to those who mourn, a helper to those who seek Thy succour, a deliverer to those who are tied and bound in the chain of their sins, a light to those who walk in darkness. Defend those who are tempted. Lift up the fallen. Give peace to the sick, and receive the dying to Thyself. O gracious Father, look down upon all who are this night in any trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or other adversity, and have mercy upon them, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions ; and this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

[*General Supplication for God's Help.*]



ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, who pourest Thy benefits upon us, we acknowledge that it is of Thee alone we have life and reason, the necessities and comforts of life, the advantages of our various positions, the sympathy and help of our friends. Forgive the unthankfulness with which we have requited Thy goodness. We live day after day with dead and senseless hearts, neither shaken by fear, nor moved by grief, nor confounded with shame, nor kindled with love. Turn Thou us, O merciful Father, and so shall we be turned. Make us with our whole heart to hunger and thirst after Thee, with all our longing to desire Thee. Make us with our whole heart to serve Thee alone, and with all our zeal to seek those things which are well pleasing in Thy sight, for the sake of Thine only-begotten Son ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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[For Rest.]

O LORD, who art the Author of every good gift, both to body and soul, we pray Thee, if it please Thee, to grant us the blessing of refreshing rest, that when we wake up in the morning we may be the better fitted to serve Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

[For Rest in the Lord.]

O ALMIGHTY Father, who, in Thy divine mercy, dost cover the earth with the curtain of night that all the weary may rest, grant to us, and to all men, rest in Thee this night. Let Thy grace, we beseech Thee, comfort and support all that are to spend it in sorrow, in affliction, or in fear. Let no shadow from the sins of this day darken our souls, but let the light of Thy countenance make a perpetual day within us, that so, when the night is past, and the light of day returned, we may rise up with cheerful strength and gladness, to serve Thee in all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

[Commendatory.]

BEHOLD, O God, we commend into Thy hands this night ourselves, with all our dear relations and friends, especially any that may be in sorrow. Strengthen and confirm Thy faith-

ful people, convert the wicked, arouse the careless, recover the fallen, relieve the sick, give peace to the dying, and remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth, in us and in the world, that Thy name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

[For Friends.

WE commend to Thy mercies, O our heavenly Father, all our friends, relatives, benefactors, and desiring that all who have done us good may be requited an hundredfold here, and obtain at last eternal life; and all that have done evil to us, as we heartily forgive them, so we earnestly desire they may obtain Thy gracious pardon, and that Thou wilt turn their hearts. Together with them, we remember likewise all that are in affliction, whether it be of soul or body. Give unto them ease, and comfort, and seasonable relief, that they may rejoice in the end for the days wherein they have seen adversity. These petitions we present before Thee for Jesus Christ Thy Son's sake. *Amen.*

[For God's Assistance.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation: that, among all the changes

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and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Spiritual Sight.

O MOST loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee, and to cast all our care on Thee who carest for us ; preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which Thou hast manifested unto us in Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For Living at Peace.

O GOD, who hast declared that a house divided against itself cannot stand, and who hast warned us not to let the sun go down upon our wrath, make us a household dwelling together in unity and godly love. Banish and drive away all envy, hatred, and malice from our hearts, and if any of us have done wrong to any man, give us grace that we may make full restitution ; that, forbearing and forgiving one another, we may find mercy with Thee ; through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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[*Thanksgiving.*]

 LORD our heavenly Father, by whose divine ordinance the darkness covers the earth and brings us bodily rest and quietness, we render Thee our hearty thanks for the loving-kindness which Thou hast shown in preserving us during the past day, and in giving us all things necessary for our health and comfort. And we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, forgive all the sins we have committed by thought, word, or deed; and that Thou wilt shadow us this night under the wings of Thy Almighty power, and defend us from Satan and all his servants. May our souls, whether sleeping or waking, wait upon Thee, delight in Thee, and evermore praise Thee, so that when the light of day returns we may rise with pure and thankful hearts, and casting away the works of darkness, we may live in newness of life, ever seeking that which is above and beyond our present attainment. So as children of the Resurrection

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may we ever rise above the world, and above ourselves, until we reach Thy own presence. Through the mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[For Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed ; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

[Against all Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord ; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils, and dangers of this night ; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[For Divine Governance.

O LORD God Almighty, the searcher of all hearts, from whom no secrets are hid, who canst guide and rule our wills and affections according to Thy good pleasure, without whom we can neither think nor act aright ; at no moment of our lives let Thy presence be wanting to us. Keep up in our minds a constant belief,

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hope, and trust in Thy wisdom, power, and goodness, knowing that neither the good nor evil things of this life can be of long continuance, nor of any estimation in comparison with the eternal joys or punishments which await our appearance before the judgment-seat of Christ in the life which is to come ; for which dread event, good Lord, prepare us. Make us humble in prosperity, patient in adversity, always resigned to Thy divine will, keeping a conscience void of offence, and constantly looking for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

[For Forgiveness.]

WE beseech Thee, O Almighty God, of Thy rich mercy, wherein Thou art plentiful to all them that call upon Thee, to forgive us our sins, our unthankfulness, unbelief, self-love, and neglect of Thy word and commandment : our doubts of Thy mercy and good-will towards us, our insensibility to Thy great goodness and long-suffering ; and to this Thy mercy add, we beseech Thee, these Thy gracious gifts—repentance, faith, the spirit of prayer, contempt of worldly and carnal pleasures, and a hearty desire after everlasting life. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit according to Thy gracious promise, both to assure us of pardon, and of our acceptance

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through and in our Lord Jesus Christ ; and also to sanctify us, to write Thy law in our hearts, and so to work in us that we may truly believe, love, serve, and obey Thee. This we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For God's Protection.]

O ALMIGHTY God, the darkness is no darkness to Thee, the night and the day are both alike : be mercifully pleased to take our family under Thy Fatherly protection. We would lie down and sleep in peace, for it is Thou only that makest us to dwell in safety. Guard, too, our friends and relations, and grant that we may all be kept unto Thine eternal kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[For the Children.]

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, bless, we humbly beseech Thee, the children of this family with healthful bodies and good understandings, with the graces and gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, and with sweet dispositions and holy habits. [Especially watch over those now far from us, and committed to the care and instruction of others.] May Thy mercy and Thy providence lead them through all the dangers and temptations of this evil world, and sanctify them wholly in their bodies, souls, and spirits, and keep them unblameable unto the coming of the Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

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[*For Pardon.*]

MOST merciful Father, we pray Thee for Thy dear Son's sake forgive us all the sins, iniquities, and trespasses which we have committed against Thee in thought, word, or deed, during this past week. Though we be sinners, He is righteous; though we are foolish, He is wise; though we are unclean, He is pure and holy. For His sake, therefore, be merciful unto us. Remember how Thou hast promised that Thou wilt sprinkle clean water upon us and cleanse us from all our sin: that Thou wilt take away our stony hearts and give us hearts of flesh. Fulfil these Thy gracious promises to us, we humbly beseech Thee. Take away our hard hearts, impenitent, distrusting, idle, covetous, impure, and give us new hearts, faithful, loving, obedient, penitent, and lowly hearts, to fear Thee, to love Thee, to trust in Thee for ever. Take into Thy care the keeping of our souls and bodies, and all that we have. Preserve us and ours from any evil that may approach us under the cover of the darkness, that we, being safe under Thy holy keeping, may pass the night in rest and quietness. And not only for ourselves would we

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pray, but for all Thy children, especially for such as are in sickness, want, or any other adversity. Think upon our relations and friends in Thy goodness, and to us now gathered together in Thy name, give Thy Holy Spirit, to sanctify us, and dwell in us, and keep us this night and for ever from all evil, unto Thine eternal glory; through the merits of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Confession.]

O ALMIGHTY God, we thank Thee that Thou hast added to our life another day, thus giving us a fresh opportunity of turning heartily to Thee, and of devoting to Thy glory the talents which Thou hast entrusted to us. But we confess to Thee, O Father, with shame, that we have not used this opportunity as we should have done, but have sinned against Thee in thought, and word, and deed. Our only hope is in Thy mercy. Give us Thy Holy Spirit to cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, to assure us of Thy forgiving love, and to give us both the power and will to love Thee in return. O Lord, have mercy upon us, and answer us this our prayer for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

[For Unity.]

O GOD, who hast declared that a house divided against itself cannot stand, and who hast warned us not to let the sun go down upon

our wrath, make us a household dwelling together in unity and godly love. Banish and drive away all envy, hatred, and malice from our hearts, and if any of us have done any wrong to any man, give us grace that we may make full restitution; that forbearing and forgiving one another, we may find mercy with Thee; through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ our only beloved Saviour. *Amen.*

[For the Night's Peace.

O GOD, who hast given unto us the night for rest, grant that the sleep which we hope to enjoy may be consecrated to Thy service, by refreshing our wearied bodies, and enabling us to do Thy will more faithfully when we wake. Help us to keep in mind the sleep of death, which must one day come upon us, and give us grace so to follow Christ in life that we may pass through death to a joyful resurrection. Spread about our sleeping household the wings of Thy divine providence. Keep us all in safety, that no evil may approach our souls, no harm our bodies; and grant that should we awake in the night our thoughts may rise to Thee, and feeling the darkness filled with Thy gracious presence, we may have peace. Accept this our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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[Before receiving the Holy Communion.]

OBLESSED Jesus, who sittest on high with the Father; who, unseen, art present with us, and, of Thine infinite mercies, hast given Thine own Body and Blood to be our spiritual food, to strengthen and refresh our souls; grant that we who this day shall accept Thy gracious invitation may be welcome guests at Thy table, and that, receiving these holy mysteries with reverence and humility, contrition and devotion, purity and faith, we may become one with Thee and Thou with us; so that, with all Thy saints who have been well-pleasing to Thee from the beginning, we may be made partakers of those holy and incorruptible benefits which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

[Thanksgiving for a Special Blessing.]

O LORD God, Father of mercies, Fountain of comfort and blessing, of life and peace, of plenty and pardon, who fillest heaven with

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Thy glory, and earth with Thy goodness, we give Thee the most earnest and most humble returns of our glad and thankful hearts for that Thou hast refreshed us with Thy comfort, and enlarged us with Thy blessing ; Thou hast opened Thine hand, and at this time hast poured out a gracious expression of Thy loving-kindness upon us Thy most unworthy servants in—[*Here name the blessing*]. Thou, Lord, hast not only spared us when we deserved punishment, but hast distinguished us by this and many other special acts of grace and favour. Oh enlarge our hearts with thankfulness, and fill our mouth with praises, that our returns of love and duty may bear some proportion to Thy marvellous loving-kindness and mercy ; and grant us grace to improve these and all Thy other blessings to the ends for which they are bestowed, even to the setting forth of Thy glory, and setting forward our own salvation and the good of others ; through the merits and mediation of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[For Patience in Time of Trouble.]

O GOD, who seest all our weaknesses, and the troubles we labour under, have regard unto the prayers of Thy servants, who stand in need of Thy comfort, Thy direction, and Thy help. Grant that we may suffer like Christians,

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and not grieve like unbelievers ; that we may receive troubles as punishments due to our past offences, as an exercise of our faith, and patience, and humility, and as a trial of our obedience ; and that we may improve all our afflictions to the good of our souls and Thy glory. Thou alone knowest what is best for us : let us never dispute Thy wisdom or Thy goodness. Direct our reason, subdue our passions, put a stop to our roving thoughts and fears, and let us have the comfort of Thy promise, and of Thy protection, both now and ever ; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

[*For a Sick Person.*]

FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, behold, visit, and relieve Thy sick servant, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy ; comfort *him* with sense of Thy goodness ; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy ; give *him* patience under his affliction ; and, in Thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear and to Thy glory. Or else give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life is led, he may dwell with Thee in life everlasting ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[*For a Sick Child.*]

ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon the sick child for whom our prayers are desired. Deliver *him*, O Lord, in Thy good appointed time, from *his* bodily pain, and visit *him* with Thy salvation; that if it should be Thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation. Or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[*For a Sick Person.*]

ALMIGHTY, ever-living God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and chastise every one whom Thou dost receive; we beseech Thee to have mercy upon this Thy servant visited with Thine hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health (if it be Thy gracious will); and whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[*A Prayer before a Journey.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who fillest all things with Thy presence, and art a God afar off as well as near; be pleased to go out before Thy servant(s) and guide *us* in *our* journey, preserving *us* from all dangers, from all sudden and sad accidents, from falls and errors. And prosper *our* journey to Thy glory, and to all *our* innocent purposes; and preserve *us* from all sin; that *we* may reach *our* journey's end in peace and holiness, with Thy favour and blessing, and may serve Thee in thankfulness and obedience all the days of *our* pilgrimage; and at last bring *us* to Thy country, to the celestial Jerusalem, there to dwell in Thy house and to sing praises to Thee for ever. *Amen.*

[*Thanksgiving for a Safe Journey.*

O MERCIFUL Father, who art about our path and spiest out all our ways, who hast safely brought Thy servant(s) to *their* journey's end, we offer Thee our humble thanks for that mercy which has preserved *them* from all evil. Grant that *they* ever being kept by Thy care, in the midst of the chances and changes of this mortal life, may finally reach Thine eternal city, never more to leave Thy visible presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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[*On the first Meeting of the School.*]

O LORD, who hast given us a time to work, and a time to play; and who hast granted us rest and refreshment after our labours: we yield Thee hearty thanks for Thy goodness towards us, in preserving us during the past holidays, and in bringing us safely back again to this place. Grant that the mercy Thou hast shown us may bring forth in us thankful lives; grant that our rest may have disposed us all the more to labour, that so when Thou shalt come to take account with Thy servants, we may be of the joyful number of those who have made good use of the talents entrusted to their care. With them may we enter into the joy of our Lord; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

[*For those who are about to leave the Family or School.*]

BLESSED Lord, who hast promised to be a guide and a light to all who walk in Thy ways, be ever present, we pray Thee, with *those* who *are* about to depart from our flock. May *they* be preserved by Thee from all evil; may *they* have grace to resist temptation, and to choose the better part; may *their* life in the larger world to which *they are* going forth, show that here *they have* lived in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Grant that *they* may ever remember whose *they are* and whom *they*

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serve, that being faithful in this life *they* may be kept to Thine eternal kingdom, where may we all meet, an unbroken circle, to praise Thee for Thy goodness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*During Lent.*

BLESSED Jesus, who wast a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and whose temptation in the wilderness we commemorate at this holy season ; give us grace with all pain and self-denial to undo our sinful habits, to fulfil our neglected duties : bear with our infirmities, and help our efforts to lead a more earnest and holy life ; that, meditating on Thy sorrows, which our sins have caused, we may with deep penitence rise with Thee on Easter morn to newness of life ; through Thy merits, who didst die and rise again for us, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*For New Year's Day.*

MOST gracious Father, who art the preserver of all mankind, we thank Thee for sparing us to the beginning of another year. Remembering the sins, the mistakes, the omissions of the years already gone, we approach Thee, to beseech Thee to be our Guide ; bid us to go out with joy, lead us forth with peace, order our footsteps in Thy paths.

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In all our concerns undertake for us. May we ever be able to recognise Thy hand moving in and about our every-day life, and grant that whatever the year may bring forth we may be led by its events closer to Thy side, so that even if in this year we die, we may find ourselves present with Thee, whom to know is life eternal. To Thy gracious protection we therefore commend ourselves, our family, our friends; be the guide of Thy servants, for we have not passed this way heretofore; command the waters of our difficulties to divide before us, and give us a safe possession of the good things Thou hast promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Upon a Death.]

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, hear the prayers of Thy afflicted servants, and with Thine ears consider our calling. Hold not, we beseech Thee, Thy peace at our tears, but satisfy us with Thy mercy and show us Thy work. Teach us neither to despise Thy chastisements, nor to faint under Thy rebukes; but, with all lowliness and meekness, patience and resignation, to be content to do Thy will, and, considering our latter end, to commit our souls unto Thee in well-doing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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